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For: **CIRCUIT INTERRUPTING DEVICE AND SYSTEM UTILIZING
BRIDGE CONTACT MECHANISM AND RESET LOCKOUT**

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German Patent No. 2821138 relates to an electrical device. If the Examiner requires a translation, he can contact Applicants' undersigned representative.


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The claims of the application as now presented are believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

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